

THE HASBEEN.

What though it was but yesterday
That you were in your prime,
The clock has struck that ends the play
How long or short a time,
It matters not when you are done
A score of years are but as one.

What though we prided in your skill,
Exalted in your strength,
And gloried in your master will—
All three have run their length.
The cheer for you dies on the lip,
What time we mark the slackened grip.

What though you do not sense the change
That strikes you from the list,
Nor feel the atmosphere grow strange,
Nor note the gathering mist,
Your secret gets to every ear—
The secrets you're the last to hear.

What though you say you are not past,
And bravely try again
To prove your last was not your last,
But still are here—what then?
Your ears don't hear your sentence read:
"Poor fool! He doesn't know he's dead!"

What though you live a hundred years
Ere nature claims its own,
And godlike form that won our cheers
Is wasted skin and bone?
You'll hear the cheer that died away
That everlasting yesterday!

Oh, mocking memory of youth,
How is it that you hold
From him who's gone the honest truth,
Nor wait until he's told—
Until, still in his full-blown pride,
He heartlessly is thrust aside?

THE WINSOME SCHOOL MA'AM.

In this gay institute week in Reynoldsville the following little gem, which originally appeared in the Brookville Republican, years ago, is especially appropriate:

The school ma'am is with us once again, as fresh, as winsome and as sweet as ever, and as we gaze on her in her youth and loveliness, full of health and joyousness, we may fail to take note of the fact that the school ma'am, God bless her, holds the destiny of the nation in her hands. Hers is no little calling, and the pimply youths who stand around our street corners with their cigarettes between their teeth, and the impertinent salutation, "where do you teach," upon their glib and irreverent tongues, might be better employed in bending the courteous knee to the maker of history. For this little school ma'am, this week so full of joy and bounding life, with the burden of responsibility for a moment off her shoulders, and she, herself, again a pupil, is the same little school ma'am who turns out on the frosty mornings, when the lazy citizen would fain pull his head beneath the covers for a traditional forty winks, and trudges bravely through the snow and sleet to the little country school house on the lane. Here she tends the fire and puts the house in order, and here she builds in the hearts of her pupils, the structure that shall make or mar the perfect contour of the history of the Republic. Here in a heart as barren as the wastes of the desert of Sahara, she plants the love of God; here she wakes the bud of promise and gently leading turns the artist free to roam along the lines to which his Creator pointed; here she breaks the rebellious tyranny of youth and plants the seeds of law and order; here she touches with a kindly hand a physical hurt, and pours the oil of consolation on a broken heart; here she binds up a wound, kisses away a tear, laughs down a sob and with a song leads the little hearts out of the way of bondage into the way of light; and when even comes, worn and weary with her constant trial she watches on their homeward way her little brood, smoothing with a last caress the small entanglements of the day. Out of her toil will spring a harvest, so surely as the seed breaks into life, the bud to bloom. In the home, in the church, in the great forum of the state, in every walk and phase of life, the influence of her labors will be felt. Conceived in the proper spirit and carried forward in the true manner of the teacher, hers is the greatest work save one in all the world. And so closely allied is it with that greater work, that the line of demarkation is lost where the two converge. God bless the school ma'am. May we never lack appreciation of her sacrifices, and her services.

FIRE AT RATHMEL.

Thursday of last week the home of J. Lucas, near Rathmel, was completely destroyed by fire of unknown origin. Nothing was saved from the building and there was no insurance on the property.

Baptist Church.

Subject Sunday morning, "Heaven's Antidote for Earth's Fear," a Christmas sermon. Evening subject, "How to Receive the Christ."

LANGHAM'S EFFORTS FOR VETERANS.

We print below a bill which has been introduced into the House of Representatives, and has a fair prospect of passing, which will be of vital interest to every soldier of the civil or Mexican wars. Hon. J. N. Langham, member in congress from this district, is a member of the Invalid Pension Committee and supported the bill in committee. He has also promised to work for its passage through the House:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any person who served ninety days or more in the military or naval service of the United States during the late Civil War, or sixty days in the War with Mexico, and who has been honorably discharged therefrom, and who has reached the age of sixty-two years or over, shall, upon making proof of such facts according to such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may provide, be placed upon the pension roll and be entitled to receive a pension as follows: In case such person has reached the age of sixty-two years, fifteen dollars per month; sixty-five years, twenty dollars per month; seventy years, twenty-five dollars per month; seventy-five years or over, thirty-six dollars per month; and such pension shall commence from the date of the filing of the application in the Bureau of Pensions after the passage and approval of this Act: Provided, That pensioners who are sixty-two years of age or over, and who are now receiving pensions under existing laws, or whose claims are pending in the Bureau of Pensions, in such form as he may prescribe, receive the benefits of this Act; and nothing herein contained shall prevent any pensioner or person entitled to a pension from prosecuting his claim and receiving a pension under any other general or special Act: Provided further, That no person shall receive a pension under any other law at the same period that he is receiving a pension under the provisions of this Act: And provided further, That no person who is now receiving or shall hereafter receive a greater pension under any other general or special law than he would be entitled to receive under the provisions herein shall be pensionable under this Act.

Sec. 2. That the benefits of this Act shall include any person who served the period of time therein specified during the late Civil War or in the War with Mexico, and who is now or may hereafter become entitled to pension under the Acts of June twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and ninety, February fifteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-five, and the joint resolutions of July first, nineteen hundred and two, and June twenty-eighth, nineteen hundred and six, or the Acts of January twenty-ninth, eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, March third, eighteen hundred and ninety-one, February seventeenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, February sixth, nineteen hundred and seven, and March fourth, nineteen hundred and seven.

Sec. 3. That rank in the service shall not be considered in applications filed hereunder.

Sec. 4. That no pension attorney, claim agent, or other person shall be entitled to receive any compensation for services rendered in presenting any claim to the Bureau of Pensions or securing any pension under this Act.

Notice.

At the regular meeting of Council held on the sixth day of December, 1910, it having been represented to Council that Hope Fire Co. has become disorganized, which representations Council knew to be well founded, and that the safeguarding of life and property within the borough required Council to take immediate action, Hope Fire Co. was by proper action officially disbanded.

All members of Hope Fire Co., or any other persons having in their possession any fire apparatus such as rubber coats, helmets, lanterns, etc., are hereby notified to deliver same at once to the Street Commissioner or the borough police. It is the intention of Council to organize a new and effective volunteer fire company and to that end Council appeals to the local patriotism of our people to aid them in this important matter, which is of vital importance to the whole community.

Volunteers are requested to present their names to the Clerk of Council prior to January 2d, 1911, on which date it is hoped that an effective organization may be welded together.

CLEMENT W. FLYNN,
Clerk of Council.

We are the only people in Reynoldsville that carry the Apollo Chocolates. Reynoldsville Candy Works.

THE INDUSTRIAL PROGRESS OF REYNOLDSVILLE.

The announcement that a large sum of money will be spent on improvements to the steel plant, coming so soon after the commencement of work on a large addition to the Sykes woolen mill, is extremely gratifying to Reynoldsville people and gives solid ground for rejoicing in this glad Christmas season. It means far more than the mere increase of employment for local laborers. Back of the decision to expand in each instance was a knowledge of local conditions gained by actual operation. Had these not been satisfactory, neither company would have appropriated a cent for enlargement. The fact that these conditions are productive of profit to local manufacturers must eventually work for the upbuilding of the town by the weight they will have with those who are seeking opportunity for the development of resources.

There is hardly a town in the union that does not claim superior advantages as a location for factories. The mere claim no longer has weight. It requires something more tangible than hot air to land a factory in these days of wisdom gained by experience. Promotion schemes that went through with a rush a dozen years ago, are viewed with amused contempt now. Bona fide industrial propositions are few and far between and the town that prospers by gaining them must show unquestionable merit.

Manufacturing plants that pay grow—plants that grow pay, and Reynoldsville can point to many that are doing both? No amount of argument could weigh heavier with business men than this, which is a concrete summing up of all advantages and possibilities into a visible, soul-satisfying fact.

FREE VACATIONS.

The Pittsburg Dispatch Offers 74 Free Trips.

A rare opportunity to take a European or other magnificent trip free. The Pittsburg Dispatch announces a vacation contest that outclasses anything of the kind ever offered. It proposes to send seventy-four people on trips that should appeal to many of our people. The plan is very simple. The persons are selected by a voting contest. You don't have to solicit subscriptions or collect any money. It does not cost the candidate or his friends anything, and the territory is divided so that a certain number of trips must go in different districts. The contest will not officially begin for a few days, and anyone entering now will have a good opportunity to win. The trips include Europe, the West Indies, lake and ocean voyages. One nice feature about the contest is that you don't have to go at any particular date, but within a reasonable time after the contest is over. Also that the person receiving the largest vote gets two European trips, enabling him to take a member of the family or a friend along.

The Dispatch contest is worth one's while considering. Nomination blanks good for 1,000 votes for a start are printed in The Dispatch daily. Now is the time to consider the matter seriously. Some one in this section stands a good show of winning if they enter now. Be sure to read the big offer in The Dispatch.

A Blood and Nerve Specialist.

Man is only as old as he feels. The human mechanism is similar to that of a clock, whose works must be kept in good repair in order to compete in the race with time. How many there are whose sallow complexion and general debilitated appearance proclaims to all the world their physical condition. The brain, however, still works with precise regularity—the same thoughts, the same desires, hopes and ambitions are present; but the will, the power, the ability, the mechanical part of the body needs looking after.

Ne-ro Tablets is the great master mechanic, the marvelous blood and nerve tonic that will find the trouble and repair it; the results are truly miraculous. The weakened parts are toned up and built anew; the nerves become alert and ready to again obey the desires as it is flashed from the brain. New tissues form, rich, pure blood again flows through your veins and you again rejoice in perfect strength and ability.

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Gift Perfumes

TO COMPLETELY CAPTIVATE A WOMAN'S FANCY send her an exquisite gift package of her favorite perfume. Our Xmas assortment represents the cream of perfumes,—the most delightful imported perfumes, such as the best liked odors of Pinaud, Piver, Violet, Houbigant, and Roger & Gallet, all Parisian perfumers known the world over—also the choicest odors produced by Colgate, Palmer, Rieger, Ricksecker, Alfred Wright, Lazell-Dalley and other of America's leading perfumers.

Gift Candies

FRESH FOR THE HOLIDAYS—Advance samples of our Xmas Candy offerings are being displayed at our store. Come in now and make your selections in comfort, before the "rush" commences. If we book your order NOW, remember we will fill it the day before Xmas from fresh stocks.

Stationery

Many of the newest things in correct Stationery, packed in daintily decorated Gift boxes, make up that elegant line of Xmas Gift Stationery we have here waiting for your critical inspection. Don't miss seeing this stationery showing, for many are the pleasing gifts you can select from it. Prices range all the way from 50c to \$2.50 per box.

Fine Cigars

The Cigars we offer for Holiday-Giving are not the "gift-cigars" the joke-smiths write about—they are the same popular brands we sell to particular smokers all the year around. Your cigar gifts will be warmly welcomed, if secured here. The only "Holiday" part is the fancy Gift Boxes in which they are packed, and they're beauties.

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